

## London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Committee Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> March 2007 1500hrs – Union Jack Club SE1

**Present:** Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary  
 Eddie Brand - Chair  
 George Achilles – Treasurer  
 Andrea Gibbs – Welfare Officer  
 John Winnister – Acting Health & Safety Officer  
 Dave Smith - Equal Opportunities Officer  
 Peter Hannell – Membership/Pensions Officer  
 Fred Phillips – Asst/Membership Officer  
 Mark Belkin – Education Officer  
 John Gough – Labour Link Officer  
 Michael Apps – Retired Members Officer  
 Paul O’Neill – Minute Secretary  
 Richard Chow – EOC  
 Claudette McNaughton - EOC  
 John A Whiting – North East Sector  
 Julie Shirt – North East Sector  
 Rob Matthews – North West Sector  
 Nadine Poonawala – North West Sector  
 David Lamey – South West Sector  
 Mark Lione – East Central Sector  
 Tim Stephens – Central Sector  
 Clive Tombs – South East Sector  
 Gary Edwards – West Sector  
 Karen Walling – West Sector

**Apologies:** Sarah Hardy  
 Harry Day  
 Dave Smith  
 Ian Lee

<b>Introductions and Welcome</b> ER reminded the committee of the AGM taking place after this meeting.	<b>Action</b>
<b>Previous Minutes</b> - Minutes from 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2007 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	Agreed
<b>Matters arising</b> - None.	

<p><b>Branch Secretary's report (ER)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal report and running total of compensation.</li> <li>- Unison National Conference – Two delegates proposed, Nadine Poonawala and Richard Chow.</li> <li>- Returning officers report.</li> <li>- NHS pay rise – senior sector reps to consult staff regarding current rise which is below rate of inflation. Staff in Scotland getting full rise of 2.5% from April yet staff's increase in England and Wales is being staggered. Once views are known the results will be sent to Unison London Region.</li> <li>- Review of unsocial hours is being tested on a sample of rotas through payroll. A joint response will then be sent to the National Staff Council.</li> <li>- National Ambulance Sector position on Rest Breaks Draft document circulated. A debate was had and the general view was that this is a backward step for staff within the LAS. The Branch Secretary would respond to the National Secretary.</li> <li>- GMB/ASU merger.</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p><b>Workforce Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No further update.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda for Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No further update.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Welfare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AS attending Unison Welfare conference in May and also a welfare course.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Retired Members (MA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Health and Safety (IL/JW)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report, recent meeting had been cancelled.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Membership (PH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- List of new members distributed. Those members were accepted into the branch.</li> <li>- PH thanked those reps who had assisted in recruitment throughout the past year.</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p><b>Treasurer (GA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A new format for the financial report has been devised.</li> <li>- Receipts for travel expense claims have to be submitted.</li> <li>- Cheques will only be used as payment for conference visitor's expenses.</li> <li>- £50,000 to be transferred into higher interest account. Agreed by Committee.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Communications (RS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distributed a written report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>EOC (RC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Problems with EOC/UOC rest breaks.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Re VCS rest breaks – still confusion over if and when to put staff on break if call waiting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Equalities (DS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Education (MB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Labour Link (JG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JG re-elected onto London Labour Link Committee and forum. Congratulated by Committee.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PTS (GE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hillingdon contract has been lost, affecting 12-20 staff. Door-2-Door won contract.</li> <li>- Results of tender for UCLH and NMH contracts should be known today.</li> <li>- Results from Homerton, May Day, Darent Valley and Royal Free due in the near future.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Regional Organiser (PT)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Staff Council (EB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No further update.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Industrial tribunal for IDDM staff scheduled for October. Thomsons solicitors on behalf of LAS UNISON have submitted a challenge to the LAS and they have two weeks to respond.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 – Branch Officers only - 1st floor conference room HQ</li> </ul>	